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For: PURIFICATION OF ELECTROCHEMICALLY DEOXIDISED REFRACTORY METAL
PARTICLES BY HEAT PROCESSING

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October 14, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2008
("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due September 12, 2008. Applicants
hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an
amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$130
and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office
Action is now October 14, 2008 (Monday, October 13, 2008 being a national holiday).
Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.